Affairs of Swang Colliery

2996. SHRI M. S. GURUPADA. SWAMY:

SHRl GAYA CHAND BHUYAN:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Swang Colliery of Central Coalfields Limited has closed down several lines *e.g.,* Balu lines;

(b) whether several employees are put on overtime there without having enough work;

(c) whether the workers union ha-made specific complaints to Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against the concerned officers?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Sand gathering plant in sand line (Balu line) at Swang Colliery had to be closed for opening a new Swang Opencast Project.

(b) No employees are engaged on over time without work.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Self sufficiency in power sector

2997. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) by when the power production in the country will catch up with the de mand and there will be no shortage and no power cuts for any sector of the coun try;

(b) what would be the proportionate share of thermal, hydel, atomic, solar and other non-conventional sources of energy in this projected power generation; and

(c) whether any master plan has been prepared for this and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATl SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The time-frame for achieving self-sufficiency in power supply would depend on the availability of adequate resources. A long-term power plan has been prepared by the Central Electricity Authority for the period upto 2000 A.D. The Plan envisages capacity additions of about 48,000 MW and about 62,000 MW during the Eighth and Ninth Plan periods respectively. It is envisaged that hydro capacity, in the aggregate installed capacity upto 2000 A.D., would be about 31 per cent while the remaining 69 per cent capacity would comprise of thermal power ding nuclear power and power from non-conventional sources of energy.

Shortage of high impact polystyrene

2998. SHRl SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of high impact polystyrene which is used as raw material for manufacturing plastic goods due to the closure of one of its producers, Union Carbide;

(b) whether it is also a fact that small scale industries engaged in the manufacture of plastic goods for export area having difficulties in getting supply of their requirements of this raw material; and

(c) if so, what action is proposed ' Government to remedy the situation so that export commitments are honoured

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAI-CHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No such representations have been received in this Departmeut.

There are, however, existing schemes with

a view to encourage exports to permit exporting units to import raw material duty free required for such exports.

Demand for LPG Cylinders in tbe country

.2999. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a the number of units manufacturing LPG cylinders in the country during thi years 1985-86, 1986-87 and so far in the current financial year;

(b) the number of cylinders manufactured by these units in these years;

(c) what is the total demand for these cylinders in he country;

(d) whether these units are in a position to meet the demand for cylinders in Ihe country; and

(e) if not, by when the units wiil be in a position to meet this demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The number of cylinder manufacturing units in the country is given below:

	No. of Units
1985-86	54
1986-87	78
1987-88	83

(b) The number of cylinders purchased by tbe oil industry from these units are given below:

	No. of cylinder in lakhs
1985-86	38-89
1986-87	36.83
1987-88 . (as on 1-11-1987)	12.33

(c) The estimated demand for LPG cylinders during 1987-88 i_s about 24.00 lakhs.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

Us of Natural Gas for electricity generation

3000. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of PETRO LEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state]

fa) whether it is a fact that the Principal Secretary E.F.E.S.A.T. Department had discussions with the Secretary to ihe Mini try of Petroleum und Natural Gas about generation of electricity by using natural gas available in Krishna-Godavari basin;

(b) if so. what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has expressed its desire to utilise natural gas that would be available in the Krishna-Godavari basin for generation of electricity if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the ONGC would consider the location of a separate office in Andhra Pradesh exclusively for their operations in Krishna-Godavari basin; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested for commitment to supply 3.5 lakh M3 of natural gas and to set up 3 units of gas turbines of 25 MW each.

(d) and (e) ONGC have already established a project office at Rajhamundri which is looking after all the activities of the Commission in the K.G Basin.